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OVERSEAS TRADE : IMPORTS BY COMMODITY DIVISIONS AND BY COUNTRIES, AUSTRALIA APRIL 1973

This statement contains preliminary information of imports for April 1973 and comparative figures for the months of February and March 1973 and ten months ended April 1972 and 1973. More detailed figures will be published in the monthly bulletin *Overseas Trade Statistics, Part 2 - Imports*, April 1973 (Reference No. 8.10).

TABLE 1. - IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT
COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a)
(\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment) (b)

Section and Division (c)	February 1973	March 1973	April 1973	Ten months ended April	
				1972	1973
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS -					
00 Live animals	1,270	788	1,102	4,726	5,812
01 Meat and meat preparations	102	68	117	1,270	1,120
02 Dairy products and eggs	675	632	643	5,892	7,687
03 Fish and fish preparations	3,267	4,086	4,223	35,492	40,239
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	251	374	337	4,633	4,786
05 Fruit and vegetables	1,691	2,437	1,905	22,805	21,211
06 Sugar, sugar preparations, honey	192	225	341	2,647	2,729
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	3,782	5,325	4,158	44,972	44,385
08 Feeding-stuff for animals (except unmilled cereals)	365	466	254	6,776	4,879
09 Misc. preps. chiefly for food	233	303	279	5,652	3,134
Total Section 0	11,828	14,704	13,358	134,865	135,984
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO -					
11 Beverages	1,601	2,366	1,811	18,692	20,823
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1,997	1,122	2,474	23,445	23,654
Total Section 1	3,598	3,488	4,285	42,137	44,477
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS					
21 Hides, skins, fur skins, undressed	178	158	191	932	1,143
22 Oil-seeds, oil nuts, oil kernels	1,910	253	211	3,432	6,136
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	2,023	2,539	2,156	19,433	19,329
24 Wood, timber and cork	4,947	4,575	6,888	41,488	49,982
25 Pulp and waste paper	2,470	3,806	2,814	26,418	30,809
26 Textile fibres and their waste	5,427	5,327	4,864	36,441	39,884
27 Crude fertilisers, crude minerals (except coal, petroleum, precious stones)	3,443	4,607	3,509	38,677	42,059
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	668	290	468	4,984	4,989
29 Crude animal, vegetable materials n.e.s.	1,634	1,849	1,838	12,322	15,740
Total Section 2	22,700	23,403	22,940	184,126	210,070
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	18	68	32	440	366
33 Petroleum and petroleum products	16,357	13,039	10,639	160,666	145,900
34 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	2	4	-	30	65
Total Section 3	16,378	13,111	10,671	161,139	146,331
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS -					
41 Animal oils and fats	44	16	15	358	243
42 Fixed vegetable oils and fats	817	1,035	771	10,025	8,760
43 Animal, vegetable oils, fats, processed, waxes of animal or vegetable origin	245	250	127	1,747	1,765
Total Section 4	1,106	1,300	914	12,130	10,768

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TABLE 1. - IMPORTS BY SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPORT
COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (a) - continued
(5'000 L.o.b. port of shipment) (b)

Section and Division (c)	February 1973	March 1973	April 1973	Ten months ended April	
				1972	1973
5 CHEMICALS -					
51 Chemical elements and compounds	10,731	14,902	10,320	117,885	115,161
52 Mineral tar, crude chemicals from coal, petroleum, natural gas	24	315	8	1,964	1,814
53 Dyeing, tanning, colouring materials	2,648	2,510	1,599	22,736	24,429
54 Medicinal, pharmaceutical products	5,414	6,138	4,274	53,772	53,813
55 Essential oils, perfume materials; toilet, polishing, cleaning preps.	1,525	1,409	1,466	14,585	15,058
56 Fertilisers, manufactured	849	234	580	5,082	5,450
57 Explosives, pyrotechnic products	195	584	114	3,029	3,277
58 Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose, artificial resins	9,864	8,361	7,815	81,021	84,730
59 Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	5,981	3,329	3,173	43,344	39,511
Total Section 5	37,232	37,783	29,348	343,419	343,244
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL -					
61 Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s. and dressed fur skins	980	842	530	6,173	7,029
62 Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	3,948	4,967	4,146	48,517	46,205
63 Wood, cork manufactures (except furniture)	1,204	1,500	1,504	14,904	16,134
64 Paper, paperboard and manufactures	9,329	11,074	8,391	94,775	98,637
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles related products	26,796	28,855	26,841	272,876	282,345
66 Non-metallic mineral manufact., n.e.s.	8,181	8,677	7,228	75,181	82,343
67 Iron and steel	6,831	8,405	8,753	113,464	79,719
68 Non-ferrous metals	2,605	2,007	1,203	19,155	21,012
69 Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	8,598	8,746	8,196	86,060	86,206
Total Section 6	68,472	75,072	66,792	731,105	719,658
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT -					
71 Machinery (except electric)	60,683	57,917	52,513	607,834	564,651
72 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	22,682	24,208	20,511	247,233	231,125
73 Transport equipment (including warships, military aircraft)	62,424	36,396	35,076	414,162	406,945
Total Section 7	145,789	118,521	108,099	1,269,229	1,202,721
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES -					
81 Sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings	595	654	744	6,105	6,299
82 Furniture	635	694	674	5,683	6,997
83 Travel goods, handbags, similar articles	638	485	530	6,357	6,877
84 Clothing, clothing accessories, articles of knitted or crocheted fabric	7,204	5,876	4,869	42,604	53,086
85 Footwear, gaiters, etc. and parts	1,773	1,825	1,267	23,273	19,573
86 Professional, scientific, controlling instruments, photo and optical goods, watches, clocks	10,541	11,571	10,351	116,210	112,391
89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	18,051	19,601	14,983	166,783	185,119
Total Section 8	39,438	40,706	33,419	367,015	390,342
9A Commodities, transactions not classified according to kind	9,485	7,656	8,963	113,135	95,562
Total Merchandise	356,027	335,744	298,790	3,358,300	3,299,156
9B Non-merchandise (d)	4,402	4,394	3,137	45,323	40,949
Total	360,429	340,137	301,927	3,403,623	3,340,105

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Freight and Insurance payable on imports are not included above. These are estimated at approximately \$462 million for the year ended 30 June 1971 and \$454 million for the year ended 30 June 1972. (c) Equivalent to Sections and Divisions of Standard International Trade Classification (Revised). (d) A complete description of non-merchandise items is contained in the Australian Import Commodity Classification published by the Bureau.

TABLE 2. — IMPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN (a)
(\$'000 f.o.b. port of shipment)

Country of Origin	February 1973	March 1973	April 1973	Ten months ended April	
				1972	1973
Austria	1,138	1,213	868	11,160	10,359
Bahrain	2,707	2,304	1,806	19,139	25,218
Belgium-Luxembourg	4,246	3,293	2,414	23,208	28,691
Brazil	928	398	779	8,963	7,716
Brunei	..	..	..	2,995	971
Canada	12,296	8,519	8,798	118,017	109,563
China, People's Republic of	3,015	4,926	4,300	35,050	40,525
Christmas Island	367	816	408	5,111	5,160
Czechoslovakia	708	640	702	7,204	7,396
Denmark	938	1,447	1,320	10,680	12,915
Finland	1,378	3,689	2,145	14,709	20,330
France	6,466	6,958	5,981	58,364	62,041
Germany, Federal Republic of	21,973	26,769	23,730	240,975	238,746
Ghana	29	1,140	83	6,151	4,896
Greece	128	351	332	3,710	3,185
Hong Kong	7,233	6,115	6,024	57,542	64,691
India	2,525	3,492	2,285	28,876	26,099
Indonesia	1,426	1,001	1,028	12,071	10,104
Iran	2,417	1,812	928	12,795	15,001
Iraq	1,718	1,860	2,204	23,247	17,210
Ireland	527	711	726	5,204	6,500
Israel	813	258	944	5,221	6,933
Italy	9,362	6,746	5,831	72,989	74,582
Japan	75,273	54,052	58,346	552,085	600,864
Korea, Republic of	810	551	661	5,425	7,562
Kuwait	3,465	2,838	1,281	26,653	23,287
Malaysia	3,125	2,785	3,563	25,711	29,473
Nauru	627	1,591	816	8,266	8,936
Netherlands	3,887	5,349	3,282	58,647	46,490
New Zealand	11,563	13,364	12,048	93,146	105,022
Norway	677	1,118	1,255	9,254	9,885
Pakistan	93	573	263	6,428	3,982
Papua New Guinea	1,807	2,267	1,876	19,758	19,629
Qatar	449	..	..	5,587	4,232
Saudi Arabia	1,175	1,050	1,568	16,820	17,228
Singapore	2,694	3,108	2,513	31,198	34,586
South Africa, Republic of	1,321	1,859	1,245	18,954	17,059
Spain	1,353	1,935	1,865	16,494	16,289
Sri Lanka (b)	462	1,258	830	10,898	8,768
Sweden	5,624	8,372	6,868	58,826	67,766
Switzerland	4,695	7,460	3,941	63,333	54,359
Taiwan	4,631	3,810	3,153	29,615	43,215
Uganda	186	56	862	4,631	4,151
United Arab Emirates (c)	691	412	..	5,883	4,323
United Kingdom	60,695	65,505	54,186	704,519	637,150
United States of America	80,503	66,632	58,166	744,558	665,125
Yemen, People's Republic of	..	..	..	1,429	500
Other countries	12,285	9,734	9,703	102,124	111,392
Total	360,429	340,137	301,927	3,403,623	3,340,105

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Formerly Ceylon. (c) Formerly Trucial States.

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